

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>Mail Stop IF</b>
Masakatsu Kiwada	)	<b>Allowed: 10/19/10</b>
Application No.: 10/800,873	)	Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: March 16, 2004	)	Examiner: Iriana Cruz
For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE, IMAGE	)	Confirmation No.: 1558
FORMING METHOD, IMAGE	)	
FORMING PROGRAM, COMPUTER	)	
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM	)	
ON WHICH THE PROGRAM IS	)	
RECORDED	)	

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed  
October 19, 2010.

**REMARKS**

Applicant first wishes to thank Examiner Cruz for allowance of claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18, 32, 33, and 35-37. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance for the following reason.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance appears to distinguish only independent claim 1 over the prior art of record. However, because the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance explicitly applies to claims 7 and 13, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 7 and 13 also patentably define over the prior art of record, without regard to the limitations of claim 1.

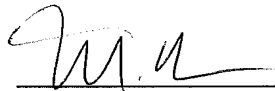
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Allowability should not be interpreted as narrowing the scope of claims 7 and 13 to include any limitations of claim 1 that are not explicitly recited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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